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SUBJECT: SHAYKH ZAYED STATEMENT TO SAUDI PRESS AGENCY ON PRINCE

FAHD'S VISIT TO UAE

1. FOLLOWING IS THE PRESS REPORTAGE OF AN INTERVIEW WITH UAE RULER SHAYKH ZAYED CONDUCTED BY THE SAUDI PRESS AGENCY AND AS CARRIED IN SAUDI NEWSPAPERS NOV 16.

2. "SHAYKH ZAYED IBN SULTAN AL NUHAYYAN, THE HEAD OF THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, AFFIRMED THAT THE VISIT OF PRINCE FAHD IBN ABDUL AZIZ, THE CROWN PRINCE AND DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, TO THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES HAS ACHIEVED ITS BASIC OBJECTIVE, NAMELY THE CEMENTING AND CONSOLIDATION OF THE BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO BROTHERLY

COUNTRIES. SHAYKH ZAYED ADDED THAT THE VISIT HAD THE BIGGEST EFFECT ON MOVING THE WHEEL OF THE UNION AND IN STIRRING UP THE ENTHUSIASM OF THE RULERS OF THE EMIRATES TOWARDS FURTHER COHESION AND SOLIDARITY AS WELL AS TO WORK AS ONE HAND IN THE INTEREST OF THE UNION.

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IN AN INTERVIEWS WITH THE CORRESPONDENT OF THE SAUDI PRESS

AGENCY, SHAKH ZAYED EXPLAINED THAT CROWN PRINCE FAHD HAD HAD SEPARATE AND JOINT MEETINGS WITH HIM AND THE RULERS OF THE EMIRATES AND URGED THEM TO WORK STRONGLY FOR THE UNION AND ITS COHESION.

SHAYKH ZAYED HAS ALSO HAILED THE REPORTS PREPARED BY ARAB MILITARY EXPERTS FROM SAUDI ARABIA, KUWAIT AND JORDAN. HE SAID THAT HE HAD ASKED THESE COUNTRIES TO HELP IN THE MATTERS IN WHICH THEY HAD EXPERIENCE AND TO SEND A MILITARY DELEGATION TO STUDY THE SITUATION

OF THE AREA AND THEN TO SUBMIT A REPORT ON WHAT IT HAD SEEN AND ON WHAT IT DEEMED PROPER TO US. SHAYKH ZAYED ADDED THAT THE REPORTS OF THE DELEGATION HAD BEEN STUDIED AND THAT THE UNION WAS SATISFIED WITH WHAT THE DELEGATION HAD PREPARED. THESE REPORTS WOULD BE STUDIED

AT A MEETING TO BE HELD TODAY BY ALL THE RULERS OF THE EMIRATES.

SHAYKH ZAYED POINTED OUT THAT THE RESULTS OF THESE MEETINGS WOULD BE IN THE INTEREST OF THE UNION AND THAT ALL THE RULERS WOULD WORK TOGETHER FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE HOMELAND AND THE WELFARE OF ITS PEOPLE.

SHAYKH ZAYED ADDED THAT HE WOULD DISCUSS WITH SHAYKH ISSA BIN SALMAN AL KHALIFA, THE RULER OF BAHRAIN, WHO IS DUE TO VISIT THE EMIRATES SHORTLY, MATTERS WHICH WOULD STRENGTHEN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN

THE TWO COUNTRIES AND THE GULF STATES IN PARTICULAR AND THE ARAB COUNTRIES IN GENERAL.

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